

GATEWAY CITIES

Gateway Cities are midsize urban centers that anchor regional economies around the state. EOHED initiatives are helping these cities and towns reposition themselves to become gateways of opportunity and economic growth.



ABOUT

Our 26 Gateway Cities have unique assets that make them desirable locations for innovators, entrepreneurs and businesses, as well as places where people choose to live and play. Expanding economic opportunity in our Gateway Cities requires long-term investments in education, innovation and infrastructure. Ongoing initiatives strive to take full advantage of Gateway Cities' distinctive assets, including their educational, medical, and cultural institutions, as well as their historic buildings and neighborhoods and connect Gateway Cities to other centers of economic activity within the Commonwealth and beyond.

STRATEGY

Tools for investing in Gateway Cities:

MassWorks has invested over \$250 million in 131 projects across the Commonwealth and over half of all these public infrastructure awards have gone to Gateway Cities

The Gateway City Parks Program has provided over \$49 million to cities to restore or create clean, safe places for children and families to enjoy

The Housing Development Incentive Program, doubled in size in 2014, provides an incentive for developers to build market-rate housing in Gateway Cities

The Transformative Development Fund was created in 2014 to provide resources for MassDevelopment to make equity investments in transformative projects, create collaborative workspaces and provide technical assistance to Gateway Cities.

The Gateway Cities Education Agenda aims to help students through expedited ESL learning and career academies.

NEXT STEPS

Collaborate with MassDevelopment as it implements the Transformative Development Initiative

Support (and help expand) the Working Cities Challenge as the six selected cities progress on their projects

